

## Francisco Caso y Luengo to Andrew Jackson, April 7, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### DON FRANCISCO CASO Y LUENGO TO JACKSON.1

1 Commandant of St. Marks. Translation.

St. Marks, April 7, 1818.

*Dear Sir,* Being made to understand altho' with difficulty the contents of the letter with which your Excellency honored me yesterday evening, which was delivered me by your Aid De Camp James Gadsden, I manifest to you the satisfaction the result of your expedition against Mickasuckey has given me, which could not be expected otherwise from the superior talents, and active disposition of your Excellency, to which must be attributed the success, on which I return you my congratulations. My Chief the Governor of Pensicola had very good reasons for mentioning to your Captn. Gordon H Call (what you expressed in yours of yesterday) his fear the fate of this Fort, menaced by Indians and negroes for some months past, and particularly since they have been deceived in not obtaining powder and balls which they have repeatedly solicited, and which they had thought themselves entitled to from the continual practice of yearly supplies. This is a proof of how groundless is the report of the wife of the Chief Chenubbee, who stated that the Indians have been supplied with amunition from this Fort which has not been the case since I was advised to keep a strict and perfect neutrality; no one better than the bearer of this Wm. Hambley who has interpreted for me various times the solicitations of many Indian chiefs in this neighborhood, can testify; he can also explain to you any opinion which you may have formed on this subject, he can inform you of my often advising them

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to avoid their present destruction. This being now complete, and no motive remaining to fear an insult to this fort from these barbarians and negroes.

I beg of your Excellency leave to state to you. what difficulties I should involve myself in with my Government if I were to conform with what your Excellency proposes to Garrison this post with United States troops, without first receiving orders to that effect, which I shall immediately solicit, as soon as an opportunity offers, which I cannot doubt one moment would be refused as I know with what zeal he would wish to comply with the stipulated treaty with the United States. until such time I hope your Excellency will desist from your intention, and be firmly persuaded of the good fellowship and harmony which will reign between this garrison and whatever troops you may think proper or convenient to leave in this vicinity, who may assist me in the defence of this Fort, or any unforeseen event. The sick your Excellency has sent in, are lodged in the royal hospital, and are supplied with every necessary which our present circumstances will admit of. I hope Your Excellency may have further occasions whenever I may be enabled to shew the good will I have to serve you. I hope your Excy. will pardon my not answering yours as soon as desired for reasons which I suppose have been given you by your Aid De Camp, nor furnishing you with an English translation to this as there is no one in this Fort who is capable thereof, but the bearer of this Wm. Hambley, has promised to translate it for you in the best manner he is capable of

God preserve your Excellency many years is the wish of your obt. Svt.